GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:205
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SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

[a] whether the Government has cleared a proposal to give 25 lakh scholarships in the next five years for minorities;

[b] if so, the salient features of the scheme;

[c] the total expenditure likely to be incurred on the entire scheme and the share of contribution from Centre and States; and

[d] the other modalities finalised in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A. R. ANTULAY)

[a] to [d]: A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS [a], [b], [c] AND [d] OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 FOR 13/03/2008 BY SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI AND SHRI MILIND DEORA REGARDING 'SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES'.

[a] to [d] A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of pre-matric scholarships has been approved for eligible students of class I to X belonging to the minority communities. It is proposed to award 25 lakh scholarships during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Thirty per cent of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students.

The scheme would be implemented through State Governments/Union Territory Administrations with funding being shared between the Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25; 100% financial assistance will be provided to Union Territories. Students with not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination, whose parents'/guardian's annual income, from all sources, does not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh are eligible for award of scholarship.

A tentative provision of Rs. 1400 crores has been made for the scheme in the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

The scheme will be implemented with effect from 01/04/2008.